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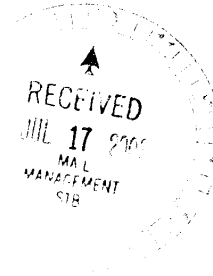
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July 16, 2003

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 402X); The
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment in
Seattle, King County, Washington**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On February 14, 2003, the Board issued a decision in the above-referenced proceeding imposing a notice of interim trail use/rail banking ("NITU") and public use condition. The Board imposed a deadline of August 13, 2003 on the NITU. Due to ongoing negotiations with the City of Seattle, at this time, BNSF requests an extension of the NITU for an additional 180 days (until February 9, 2004).

Sincerely,


Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: Charles Montange (for City of Seattle)
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